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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Carson and Albani  
Application No.: 09/616,247  
Filed: July 14, 2000  
Title: VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN  
INDUCING IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITOGENIC  
PEPTIDES INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID  
ARTHRITIS

Art Unit: 1645  
Examiner: Shahnan Shah, K.S.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

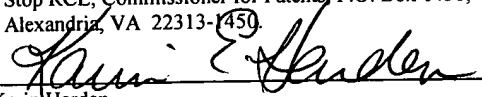
Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed July 11, 2005 and to the Notice of Appeal filed February 28, 2005, a Request for Continued Examination is filed herein. Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the application pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page two of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page four of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

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